

Board could approve, supervise and be active on. I do not see that on the horizon. I think that if the time comes that we can do that, and I think we will, and I think that some of our cities will be in the forefront demanding water storage projects to guarantee their quality and quantity of water. In the meantime, someone might say, well, what damage does it do? Well, I would just suggest this. I think it was wrong...I think it was wrong for the Water Management Board to advocate the responsibility to Washington lawyers in the mediation of the dispute between the Whooping Crane Trust Fund and the power district. I believe that the Nebraska people are more qualified to mediate that dispute than Washington people. I feel the same way about the special master that's supposed to be negotiating between Nebraska and Wyoming and I congratulate Senator Nelson...or pardon me, Senator Nelson, I always congratulate you also, but Governor Nelson for trying to get that dispute settled without going to court. I think that's what we ought to be doing. And so I believe we ought to advance this bill. If there are...if there are people who have other evidence that we need to continue it, I would be glad to stand up and reverse myself. I don't see it and I think we can take this step today. And if there is some major reason why we should not abolish the board, we will hear about it between now and Select File. I move for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Schmit's closing on the advancement of LB 772. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 772.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 772 is advanced. We will now go to LB 408.

CLERK: Mr. President, 408 was a bill introduced by Senator Wesely. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17, referred to Transportation, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, very briefly, this bill is similar to legislation advanced unanimously last year by the Transportation Committee; again advanced unanimously by the Transportation Committee this year. It deals with